



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Wednesday, March 9, 2016

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-1381)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Susan Burton and Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó

Excused: Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

Staff present: Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (16-1382)

Call to Order. (16-1294)

Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the March 2, 2016 Minutes. (16-1295)

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-1296)

Chairperson Bigby shared the following Los Angeles Times Newspaper Article with the Commission:

- **Report Rebukes Youth Lockup Squalor (March 7, 2016)**

3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-1297)

There was no report presented.

4. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from March 3, 2016 to March 8, 2016. (16-1298)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Bigby visited:

- **Human Service Network (Index Street, Granada Hills, CA) on February 25, 2016.**

Commissioners Andrews and Montañó visited:

- **Children's Home of Southern California (Shoup Ave., West Hills, CA) on March 8, 2016.**

Commissioners Bigby, Bhatia, Zhen and Duran visited:

- **Men's Central Jail (Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA) on March 4, 2016 and reported that the town hall meeting was successful and very informative.**

5. Report from Sybil Brand Commission's Ad-Hoc Committees. (16-1305)

Vice Chairperson Grills submitted a draft of the 2015 SBC annual report and urged the Commissioners to review and submit revisions.

Commissioner Bhatia presented a revised draft of the SBC bylaws for the Commissioners review.

III. DISCUSSIONS

6. Discussion and general overview of the Mental Health Care being provided to the women at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF).

Dr. Timothy Belavich, Ph.D Program Director, Jail Mental Health
Susan Ruehl, LCSW, Mental Health Program Manager (16-1299)

Mental Health professionals Keith M. Markley, MD., Timothy Belavich, Ph.D and Ms. Susan Ruehl, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

provided the Commissioners with a general overview of the services provided to mental health patients in custody. They shared the challenges they face with a shortage in staff and their plans for implementing training for mental health staff and deputies to better help with mental health inmates. The Commission engaged in a conversation expressing their concerns and observations during their inspection. Chairperson Bigby thanked the guest for coming to share their roll in caring for mental health patients in custody.

7. Introduction of Alexandra Zuiderweg, County Counsel. (16-1301)

Ms. Alexandra Zuiderweg, County Counsel introduced herself to the SBC and answered questions posed by the Commissioners.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-1302)

The following agenda items will be placed on a future agenda:

- **Discussion on Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) Certification for Commissioners**
- **Review and approval of SBC draft Bylaws**
- **Discussion and drafting of SBC Mission Statement**
- **Discussion on the distribution on the Inmate Welfare Fund**
- **Discussion on hosting a town hall meeting for the families of inmates**

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-1303)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of March 9, 2016. (16-1304)

There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of March 9, 2016 at 12:14 p.m.